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Press reaction to Bernadotte's Palestine report.

Under the headline: "May his soul rest in peace", Al Zaman, the important evening daily writes: "Count Bernadotte's report, made public yesterday, recommended the Arabs to recognize that the Jewish state is a fait accompli. And so Bernadotte showed that he failed in his mission and that he finished at the point from which he had started or the point marked out for him by President Truman's government.

"The Jews wanted a state in Palestine and forced President Truman's government to support their "just" demand. In the end, Count Bernadotte was chosen to produce this comedy. He donned the mediation robe although he was in actual fact carrying out the policy of President Truman's government which in turn is subjected to the influence of Jewish gold.

"Some persons may ask: "Why was he murdered then"? The answer is easy: The deceased preferred to give his efforts on behalf of the Jews a semblance of mediation so that the cat may not come out of the bag. He therefore could not do everything the Jews wanted of him, and his life ended so badly at the hands of the very people for whom he established a state.

"We wish the poor man did not meet with such horrible death, for our traditions and character prevent us from attacking a dead man who may only be judged by God. We write this short article to express our grief for a simpleton. May his soul rest in peace".

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A note from King Abdullah to Azzam Pasha  
delays the proclamation of the provisional  
Arab government.

Al Zaman reports that Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League, has received a note from King Abdullah which must result in the postponement of the proclamation

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of the provisional Arab government of Palestine. "Fresh consultations are necessary before the government can be proclaimed", says the daily.

Al Zaman does not mention the name of King Abdullah as the sender of the note. It merely says that Azzam Pasha received a note from a certain Arab government. There is no doubt, however, that the paper means King Abdullah seeing that it publishes his photograph in the middle of the story without explanation.

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Al Balagh says Bernadotte's proposals  
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Al Balagh does not print an editorial concerning Bernadotte's proposals (its main editorial being the one dealing with Egypt's attitude towards the democracies which is seen above), but it quotes three "Arab leaders" (unnamed) and one official Arab source as saying that Bernadotte's proposals are rejected by the Arab countries in toto, for they will never recognize Israel or agree to the partition of Palestine.

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## Violent reaction to Bernadotte's proposals.

The reaction of the Arabic press to Count Bernadotte's proposals is extremely violent. Under the headline: "An orphan report" Al Ahram writes: "It seems that Count Bernadotte drafted his report while labouring under false impressions, foremost among which is his assertion that the so-called Jewish state exists. He believed that a fait accompli should be respected more than justice and without regard to the means by which it was accomplished."

"His latest report is similar to his first one. He supported partition and ignored the fact that although Israel exists it is not based on sound foundations, and that had it not been for the aid extended to it, it would never have existed in the first place."

"The report has been orphaned by the death of its father. It may still be adopted by some people, but the fact remains that God has made it lose its main sponsor because it is void of justice and truth".

## Sawt Al Umma's article.

Sawt Al Umma's article is headlined: "A biased report". It says: "Count Bernadotte's latest report is worse than his former one. The Arab countries, of course, did not expect much from the late mediator, for he had already recommended in his first report the partition of Palestine, the establishment of a Jewish state, and the joining of the Arab part to Transjordan."

"The Count started his report by asking the U.N. to enforce peace in Palestine, although the U.N. has already proved to be completely incapable of restoring peace to any part of the world. Indonesia, Greece, and Hyderabad are but few examples. The Count's desire to recruit the help of the U.N. in establishing peace in Palestine is an admission by him that he knew beforehand that his proposals would not be accepted, and that force should be used to enforce partition. But the U.N. which failed to make the Jews respect the truce is not the kind of organisation to be expected to enforce peace."

"The mediator pretended at the same time to be well disposed towards the Arabs and so recommended that Negev, Lydda, and Ramallah should be given to them. He seemed to have forgotten that these places as well as the whole of Palestine are Arab territory. Moreover, he recommends the joining of Galilee to the Jewish state. This is brand new recommendation, and it would not surprise us if the U.N. does not recommend in time, under Jewish pressure, that the whole of Palestine should become Jewish. Not content with all these wild suggestions, he also recommended the joining of the Arab part to Transjordan although he must have known that the Arab League wants Palestine to become an independent Arab State."

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"His suggestion concerning the Arab refugees is equally absurd. He recommends their return to their original homes, but hastens to recommend that the refugees who refuse to return should be compensated by the Jews. This suggestion is at once ridiculous, unfair, and impractical. Arab property in Jaffa alone is valued at LE 200,000,000.

"The Count would have been well advised to stay at home and not get himself entangled in the Palestinian affair which led to his death. Lying in his grave, he must be wishing he never had anything to do with the criminal Jews.

"The new proposals completely recognize the unjust demands of one side and reject the just demands of the other. They are an insult to the Arabs and they prove that the United Nations Organisation is an instrument of destruction and not an instrument of peace".

Mr Marshall's comment given  
wide publicity.

Secretary of State Marshall is quoted by R. and A.P. as saying that he approved of the principles contained in the late Count's report. A spokesman of the British foreign office is also quoted by the A.N.A. as saying that the British government viewed the report with sympathy.

The Arabic press gives the story wide publicity but so far there are no editorial comments.

Al Ikhwan's article.

Under the headline: "Bernadotte's ripping", Al Ikhwan Al Muslimoun writes: "We do not mean by this expression the ripping of Bernadotte by the Jews (for his murder does not concern us), but Bernadotte's ripping of dear Palestine. The mediator wanted Palestine ripped to pieces, one piece to be given to God's enemies, another to become international, another to become "free", and another to become Arab. But Bernadotte had no more control over Palestine's fate, than he had on his own fate".-----

"America and Britain feel the pulse".

Under the above heading, Al Misri writes: "As soon as Count Bernadotte's report was made public, Britain and America started "feeling the pulse" in the Arab countries to discover how much of the report is acceptable to the Arabs and how far will they go in their opposition to the decisions and recommendations which the U.N. Assembly will take in its present session.

"This is not the first time that America and Britain undertake this task in the Arab countries. They had advised them to agree to the extension of the first truce and to accept Bernadotte's first proposals. The Arab countries refused to agree in both cases".

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A meeting.

Under the above headline, Al Assas writes: "At 7 P.M., yesterday, Brigadier Clayton, the Minister at the British Embassy in Cairo, accompanied by two senior officials of the American Embassy, paid a visit to Signor Azcorate, the Mediator's assistant. The meeting lasted until 10.30 P.M., then they had dinner and continued the discussion until after midnight".

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The establishment of the provisional  
Arab government in Palestine.

Al Misri agrees with last night's Al Zaman that the Arab League's Secretary General received a note from a certain Arab government concerning the proposed establishment of the provisional Arab government in Palestine. The note may delay the proclamation of the new government, adds the daily.

Akher Sa'a says frankly that Transjordan is opposed to the establishment of such a government, while Al Ahram uses an interesting expression which may be interpreted by some readers as meaning that there is a disagreement among the Arab countries over this question. It says: "Arab circles believe that the formation of this government is already settled. The Arab countries which agreed to its formation are determined to proclaim the new government and remove any obstacles which may be put in its way."

Akher Sa'a, the pro-government weekly which is not always accurate, writes: "Well informed circles are told that the government of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen, completely support the continuation of Azzam Pasha in his present post. (Note the weekly's omission of Transjordan and Iraq - E.A.)."

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